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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE - KOREAN REPROCESSING PLANT PURCHASE - (REVISED)

1. THE FOLLOWING REVISED PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT'S JAN 27 PRESS BRIEFING.

QUOTE
QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE PRESS REPORTS THAT FRANCE HAS SOLD A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT TO KOREA?
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ANSWER: THE REPORTS OF THIS SALE ARE INACCURATE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS SERIOUSLY RECONSIDERED THE PROJECT AND WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL PURCHASE OF THE REPROCESSING FACILITY.

QUESTION: HAS THE USG PRESSURED THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO FOREGO THIS PURCHASE?

ANSWER: THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR VIEW ON THE SUBJECT. THE DECISION, AS YOU KNOW, IS THEIRS.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE SALE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANTS?

ANSWER: THE USG OPPOSES THE FURTHER SPREAD OF NATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITIES. UNQUOTE

2. REPROCESSING QUESTION WAS NOT RAISED AT JAM 27 BRIEFING. KISSINGER